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Series of Meetings to be Held by Water Board Regarding Eastern Snake Plain Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan Draft

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) will present an overview and receive comment on the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) draft Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan (CAMP) during a public meeting in Pocatello at the City Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 7 p.m. Two additional public meetings will be held in Twin Falls on Thursday, December 4, and Idaho Falls on Wednesday, December 10. A copy of the draft plan and associated documents is available on the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) web site at www.idwr.idaho.gov or the ESPA CAMP web site at <http://www.esaplan.idaho.gov/>

An ESPA Advisory Committee of stakeholder representatives was appointed in 2007 by the Board and Governor Otter. The committee was comprised of representatives from irrigation companies, ground water users, spring water users, hydropower, land developers, environmental/conservation interests, well owners, county assessors and mayors of cities within the ESPA.

The committee has held monthly meetings in various locations in the area of the ESPA during the past 18 months. The result of those meetings is the draft Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan (CAMP) for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA), which was accepted for public review by the Board on November 6, 2008. After considering public comment and reviewing the plan, the board will consider adopting a final plan for submission to the 2009 Idaho Legislature.

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Written comment can be sent via mail to: Idaho Department of Water Resources
Attn: Sandra Thiel
P.O. Box 83720
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Written comment in electronic form can be e-mailed to: IDWRInfo@idwr.idaho.gov

Comment on the draft plan may also be made in person at the following public meetings:

Day & Date	Time	City	Place
Tues. 12/2/2008	7:00 p.m.	Pocatello	Pocatello City Council Chambers 911 N 7th Ave
Thurs. 12/4/2008	7:00 p.m.	Twin Falls	Twin Falls City Council Chambers 321 2nd Avenue East
Wed. 12/10/2008	7:00 p.m.	Idaho Falls	Idaho Falls City Council Chambers 308 Constitution Way

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